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## FACTS ABOUT ARIZONA PART-TIME FARMS

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- OFFICIAL NAME:** Arizona Part-Time Farms
- LOCATION:** In Maricopa County, south-central Arizona. The project is located on 4 separate tracts: Baxter, Chandler, Glendale and Glassford. Project Headquarters: Tempe, Arizona, which is about 3 miles from the Baxter tract, about 20 miles north-west of the Chandler unit, and 12 miles northeast of Glendale.
- HISTORY OF PROJECT:** Initiated by the Resettlement Administration with preliminary approval given December 4, 1935; final approval, March 12, 1936.
- PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This agricultural community project was designed to establish 91 permanent homes for destitute and low-income white families employed as farm laborers on large-scale truck, fruit, and cotton farms in the Salt River Valley area of Arizona. Home production of food needs and co-operative activities are expected to supplement wages of these families, to raise their standard of living, and make possible ultimate ownership of their homes.
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The four tracts total 550 acres, and have 91 homesteads. Farming on the 4 units will be of the co-operative dairy-poultry-truck type. Both the Chandler and Baxter tracts raise alfalfa, cotton, wheat and barley. Each operates a dairy of 25 cows and a poultry unit of 2,000 hens. The Glassford and Glendale tracts operate on the same basis on a smaller scale. Families on the Glendale unit will cultivate individual tracts of approximately 3 acres each; will have an irrigated garden; and will keep a dairy cow and a flock of poultry.
- The Camelback and Chandler co-operative associations deal with farming, marketing, and purchasing.
- A community building has been constructed on each tract, and includes facilities for a nursery, group activities, a store and a kitchen and community laundry. Schools and other social facilities are accessible in adjacent communities.
- Culverts, driveways, and walks are being constructed, and some irrigation work has been undertaken.



HOUSE DESCRIPTION: All dwellings are of adobe construction and have electricity, complete plumbing, and other modern conveniences. On the Baxter tract, 27 4-room and 8 5-room houses have been completed. 4 multi-family two-story houses, each housing 8 families, have been built on the Chandler site; and 18 3-room and 6 4-room dwellings have been completed at Glendale and Glassford. A garage was built for each family.

Water on the Baxter and Chandler sites is supplied through community distribution systems connected with the city water systems of Phoenix and Chandler respectively. At Glendale and Glassford, a community water system was built, consisting of well, pump, and distribution lines. Individual septic tanks with drain fields dispose of sewage. Electricity is furnished by private utilities and telephone service is available.

HOMESTEADERS: Wage levels for general farm labor in this section are low because of the abundant supply of foreign labor available. This created a condition of low living standards, and made it impossible for the farm laborer to attain any security. Families selected for occupancy were low-income white farm laborers.

